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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DDC EMPLOYEES

SUBJECT: National Hispanic Heritage Month 2005

The Department of Defense observes National Hispanic Heritage Month every year from September 15 through October 15. Hispanic Heritage Month provides us an opportunity to express deep appreciation to Hispanic Americans for their countless contributions to our society and to pay tribute to America's distinctive diversity.

The theme for this year's National Hispanic Heritage Month is "Hispanic Americans: Strong and Colorful Threads in the American Fabric." The warmth and vitality of the Hispanic culture are great gifts to America and are part of the unique fabric of our country. Hispanic Americans have served with heroism in every major American military conflict, including our efforts against the war on terrorism throughout the world.

The Defense Distribution Center is very proud of all employees, to include Hispanic Americans, who have played an integral role in providing support to America's warfighters. In a nation that derives so much of its strength from many cultures and races, Hispanic Americans are a thriving force in our society and a vital part of our economy.

As we reflect upon these contributions, let us reaffirm our total commitment by supporting efforts to increase the representation of Hispanic employment within DDC's workforce. Please join me in honoring Hispanic Americans and I look forward to sharing this celebration of their heritage.

EDWARD R. VISKER

Colonel, USA Chief of Staff